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APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY
ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED, FOR AN ORDER OF EXEMPTION FROM SECTION
15(a) OF THE ACT AND RULE 18f-2 UNDER THE ACT AND FROM CERTAIN
DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS UNDER VARIOUS RULES AND FORMS

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I. INTRODUCTION

~~American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc.~~ [Nuveen Investment Trust](#) (the “Trust”), a registered open-end investment company that offers one or more series of shares (each a “Series” and collectively, the “Series”) and ~~American Century Investment Management, Inc.~~ [\(Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC \(“NEAL” or the “Advisor” and together with the Trusts and the Series, the “Applicants”\)](#)¹, the investment adviser to the Trust, hereby file this application (the “Application”) for an order of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”).

Applicants request an order exempting Applicants from Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder to permit the Advisor, subject to the approval of the board of trustees of the Trust (the “Board”)², including a majority of those who are not “interested persons” of the Series or the Advisor as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act (the “Independent Board Members”), to, without obtaining shareholder approval: (i) select both certain wholly-owned and non-affiliated investment sub-advisers (each a “Sub-Advisor” and collectively, the “Sub-Advisors”) to manage all or a portion of the assets of a Series and enter into investment sub-advisory agreements with the Sub-Advisors (each a “Sub-Advisory Agreement” and collectively, the “Sub-Advisory Agreements”), and (ii) materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with the Sub-Advisors. As used herein, a Sub-Advisor for a Series is (1) an indirect or direct “wholly-owned subsidiary” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Advisor for that Series, or (2)

¹ The term “Advisor” includes (i) ~~the Advisor~~ [NEAL and its successors](#), and (ii) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with, ~~the Advisor~~ [NEAL](#) or its successors. For the purposes of the requested order, “successor” is limited to an entity resulting from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.

² The term “Board” also includes the board of trustees or directors of a future Subadvised Series.

a sister company of the Advisor for that Series that is an indirect or direct “wholly-owned subsidiary” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the same company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Advisor (each of (1) and (2) a “Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor” and collectively, the “Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors”), or (3) an investment sub-adviser for that Series that is not an “affiliated person” (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act) of the Series or the Advisor, except to the extent that an affiliation arises solely because the sub-adviser serves as a sub-adviser to one or more Series (each a “Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor” and collectively, the “Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors”).

Applicants also request that the order of the Commission under Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act exempt the Series from certain disclosure obligations under the following rules and forms: (i) Item 19(a)(3) of Form N-1A; (ii) Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(8), and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”); and (iii) Sections 6-07(2)(a), (b), and (c) of Regulation S-X.

Applicants request that the relief sought herein apply to the named Applicants, as well as to any future Series and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof that intends to rely on the requested order in the future and that (i) is advised by the Advisor, (ii) uses the multi-manager structure described in this Application, and (iii) complies with the terms and conditions set forth herein (each, a “Subadvised Series”). All registered open-end investment companies that currently intend to rely on the requested order are named as Applicants³. ~~All Series that currently are, or that currently intend to be, Subadvised Series are identified in the Application.~~ Any entity that relies on the requested order will do so only in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this Application.⁴

Applicants are seeking this exemption primarily to enable the Advisor and the Board to obtain for each Subadvised Series the services of one or more Sub-Advisors believed by the Advisor and the Board to be particularly well suited to manage all or a portion of the assets of the Subadvised Series, and to make material amendments to Sub-Advisory Agreements believed by the Advisor and the Board to be appropriate, without the delay and expense of convening special meetings of shareholders to approve the Sub-Advisory Agreements. Under this structure, the Advisor, in its capacity as investment adviser, evaluates, allocates assets to and oversees the Sub-Advisors, and makes recommendations about their hiring, termination and replacement to the Board, at all times subject to the authority of the Board. This structure is commonly referred to as a “multi-manager” or “manager of managers” structure.

³ The Trust currently intends to introduce at least one Series that would operate under a multi-manager structure and which will be offered and sold pursuant to a registration statement on Form N-1A.

⁴ The requested relief will not extend to (i) any ~~sub-advisor~~sub-adviser, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, who is an affiliated person, as defined in ~~section~~Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act, of the Subadvised Series, the applicable Trust or of the Advisor, other than by reason of serving as a ~~sub-advisor~~sub-adviser to one or more of the Subadvised Series (“Affiliated Sub-Advisor”), and (ii) any sub-adviser, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, of a Subadvised Series which provides services to the Advisor with respect to selecting, monitoring, evaluating and allocating assets among the other Sub-Advisors of such Subadvised Series, and which may or may not manage a portion of the assets of such Subadvised Series (collectively, “Excluded Sub-Advisors”).

If the relief sought is granted, the Advisor, with the approval of the Board, including a majority of the members of the Board who are Independent Board Members, would on behalf of each Subadvised Series, without obtaining shareholder approval, be permitted to (i) hire a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor or a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, including terminating an existing sub-adviser and replacing it with one or more Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors or Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, and (ii) materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors and Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors. Shareholder approval will continue to be required for any other ~~sub-adviser~~sub-adviser changes and material amendments to an existing Sub-Advisory Agreement with any ~~sub-adviser~~sub-adviser other than a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor or a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, in each case (all such changes requiring shareholder approval referred to herein as “Ineligible Sub-Advisor Changes”) except as otherwise permitted by applicable law or by rule.

For the reasons discussed below, Applicants believe that the requested relief is appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act. Applicants believe that the Subadvised Series would be negatively impacted without the requested relief because of delays in hiring or replacing Sub-Advisors and costs associated with the proxy solicitation to approve new or amended Sub-Advisory Agreements.

II. THE TRUST

The Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. ~~An adviser~~The Advisor will serve as “investment adviser,” as defined in Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act, to each Series. The Trust is organized as a ~~Maryland corporation and~~Massachusetts business trust. The Trust is managed under the direction of the Board. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders.

Each Series will have its own distinct investment objective, policies and restrictions. A Series may offer, pursuant to Rule 18f-3 under the 1940 Act, one or more classes of shares that are subject to different expenses. As a result, certain Series may issue a class of shares that is subject to a front-end sales load or a contingent deferred sales load. In addition, a Series or any classes thereof may pay fees in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act.

III. THE ADVISOR

The Advisor will serve as the investment adviser to each Series pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust (the “Investment Management Agreement”). The Advisor is registered with the Commission as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”). The Advisor, a ~~corporation~~limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, is a ~~wholly-owned~~ subsidiary of ~~American Century Companies, Inc. (“ACC”), a privately held corporation organized under Delaware law. In the future, ACC may acquire one or more other subsidiaries that it would wholly own, and that would~~Nuveen Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Nuveen”). Nuveen is an indirect subsidiary of TIAA-CREF. Nuveen maintains an asset management presence through various subsidiaries, including NFAL. Any future Advisor also will be registered with the Commission as an investment ~~advisers~~adviser under the Advisers Act.

~~The~~Each Investment Management Agreement will be approved by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and by the shareholders of the relevant Series in the manner required by Sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder. The terms of the Investment Management ~~Agreement~~Agreements will comply with Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act. Applicants are not seeking an exemption from the 1940 Act with respect to the Investment Management ~~Agreement~~Agreements. Pursuant to the terms of ~~the~~each Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor, subject to the supervision of the Board, will provide continuous investment management of the assets of each Series. As the investment adviser to each Series, the Advisor will have responsibility for determining the securities and other instruments to be purchased, sold or entered into by each Series and placing orders with brokers or dealers selected by the Advisor. The Advisor will also have responsibility for determining what portion of each Series' portfolio will be invested in securities and other assets and what portion, if any, will be held uninvested in cash or cash equivalents. The Advisor will periodically review each Series' investment policies and strategies, and based on the need of a particular Series may recommend changes to the investment policies and strategies of the Series for consideration by the Board.

~~The~~Consistent with the terms of each Investment Management Agreement ~~will provide that~~, the Advisor may, subject to the approval of the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series (if required), delegate portfolio management responsibilities of all or a portion of the assets of a Subadvised Series to one or more Sub-Advisors. In accordance with ~~the~~each Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor will supervise each Sub-Advisor in its performance of its duties with a view to preventing violations of the federal securities laws. The Advisor will continue to have overall responsibility for the management and investment of the assets of each Subadvised Series, and the Advisor's responsibilities will include, for example, recommending the removal or replacement of Sub-Advisors, and determining the portion of that Subadvised Series' assets to be managed by any given Sub-Advisor and reallocating those assets as necessary from time to time. If the Advisor determines to delegate portfolio management responsibilities to one or more Sub-Advisors, the Advisor will evaluate, select and recommend Sub-Advisors to manage the assets (or portion thereof) of a Subadvised Series and oversee, monitor and review the Sub-Advisors and their performance and their compliance with the Subadvised Series' investment policies and restrictions. If the name of any Subadvised Series contains the name of a Sub-Advisor, the name of the Advisor to the Subadvised Series, or a trademark or trade name that is owned by or publicly used to identify the Advisor, will precede the name of the Sub-Advisor.

For its services to each Series under the applicable Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor will receive an investment management fee from that Series. The Advisor will be solely responsible for compensating each Sub-Advisor from the investment management fees that it receives from the applicable Series.⁵

⁵ While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

IV. THE SUB-ADVISORS

Pursuant to the authority under the Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor may enter into Sub-Advisory Agreements with various Sub-Advisors on behalf of the Subadvised Series.

The Sub-Advisors will be “investment advisers” to the Subadvised Series within the meaning of Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act and will provide investment management services to the Subadvised Series subject to, without limitation, the requirements of Sections 15(c) and 36(b) of the 1940 Act. In addition, the Sub-Advisors will be registered with the Commission as investment advisers under the Advisers Act or exempt from such registration. The Advisor will select Sub-Advisors based on the Advisor’s evaluation of the Sub-Advisors’ skills in managing assets pursuant to particular investment styles, and will recommend their hiring to the Board. The Advisor may employ multiple Sub-Advisors for one or more of the Subadvised Series. In those instances, the Advisor would allocate and, as appropriate, reallocate a Subadvised Series’ assets among the Sub-Advisors and the Sub-Advisors would have management oversight of that portion of the Subadvised Series allocated to each of them.

The Advisor will engage in an on-going analysis of the continued advisability of retaining a Sub-Advisor and will make recommendations to the Board as needed. The Advisor will also negotiate and renegotiate the terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreements with the Sub-Advisors, including the fees paid to the Sub-Advisors, and will make recommendations to the Board as needed.

The Sub-Advisors, subject to the supervision of the Advisor and oversight of the Board, will determine the securities and other investments to be purchased, sold or entered into by a Subadvised Series’ portfolio or a portion thereof, and will place orders with brokers or dealers that they select. The Sub-Advisors will keep certain records required by the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act to be maintained on behalf of the relevant Subadvised Series, and will assist the Advisor to maintain the Subadvised Series’ compliance with the relevant requirements of the 1940 Act. The Sub-Advisors will monitor the respective Subadvised Series’ investments and provide periodic reports to the Board and the Advisor. The Sub-Advisors will also make their officers and employees available to the Advisor and the Board to review the investment performance and investment policies of the Subadvised Series.

Any Sub-Advisory Agreements in effect at the time the Subadvised Series ~~commences~~commence their public offerings of securities will have been approved by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the initial shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series in accordance with Sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder. All Sub-Advisory Agreements will be approved by the Board in the same manner. The terms of each Sub-Advisory Agreement will comply fully with the requirements of Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act. Each Sub-Advisory Agreement will set forth the duties of the Sub-Advisors and precisely describe the compensation that the Sub-Advisor will receive for providing services to the relevant Subadvised Series, and will provide that (1) it will continue in effect for more than two years from the date of its original approval only so long as such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board at the times and manner required by Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, (2) it may be terminated at any time, without the

payment of any penalty, by the Advisor, the Board or by the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series on not more than sixty days' written notice to the Sub-Advisor, and (3) it will terminate automatically in the event of its "assignment," as defined in Section 2(a)(4) of the 1940 Act. To the extent required by law, the Applicants will continue the shareholder approval process for any Sub-Advisory Agreements until such time as the Commission grants exemptive relief to the Applicants.

The terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreements will also be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members in accordance with Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act. Each year, the Board will dedicate substantial time to review contract matters, including matters relating to Investment Management ~~Agreement~~[Agreements](#) and Sub-Advisory Agreements. The Board will review comprehensive materials received from the Advisor, the Sub-Advisors, independent third parties and independent counsel. The Board will consist of a majority Independent Board Members. The Applicants will continue this annual review and renewal process for Sub-Advisory Agreements in accordance with the 1940 Act if the relief requested herein is granted by the Commission.

The Board will review information provided by the Advisor and Sub-Advisors when it is asked to approve or renew Sub-Advisory Agreements. A Subadvised Series will disclose in its statutory prospectus that a discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval and renewal of the Investment Management Agreement and any applicable Sub-Advisory Agreements is available in the Subadvised Series' annual or semi-annual report to shareholders for the relevant period in accordance with Item 10(a)(1)(iii) of Form N-1A. The information provided to the Board will be maintained as part of the records of the respective Subadvised Series pursuant to Rule 31a-1(b)(4) and Rule 31a-2 under the 1940 Act.

Pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreements, the Advisor will agree to pay the Sub-Advisors a fee out of the fee paid to the Advisor under the Investment Management Agreement.⁶ Each Sub-Advisor will bear its own expenses of providing investment management services to the relevant Subadvised Series. ~~Neither the Trust nor any Subadvised Series will be responsible for paying sub-advisory fees to any Sub-Advisor.~~

V. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTIVE RELIEF

Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from any provisions of the 1940 Act, or any rule thereunder, if such relief is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act. Applicants believe that the requested relief described in this Application meets this standard.

VI. LEGAL ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

⁶ While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

a. Shareholder Vote

i. Regulatory Background

Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act states, in part, that it is unlawful for any person to act as an investment adviser to a registered investment company “except pursuant to a written contract, which contract, whether with such registered company or with an investment adviser of such registered company, has been approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of such registered company.” Rule 18f-2(a) under the 1940 Act states that any “matter required to be submitted to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of a series company shall not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of each class or series of stock affected by such matter.” Further, Rule 18f-2(c)(1) under the 1940 Act provides that a vote to approve an investment advisory contract required by Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act “shall be deemed to be effectively acted upon with respect to any class or series of securities of such registered investment company if a majority of the outstanding voting securities of such class or series vote for the approval of such matter.”

Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act defines an “investment adviser” as any person who, pursuant to an agreement with such registered investment company or with an investment adviser of such registered investment company, regularly furnishes advice with respect to the desirability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities or other property or is empowered to determine what securities or other property shall be purchased or sold by such registered investment company. Consequently, the Sub-Advisors are deemed to be within the definition of an “investment adviser” and therefore, the Sub-Advisory Agreements are each subject to Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder to the same extent as the Investment Management ~~Agreement~~Agreements.

Taken together, Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 require a majority of the outstanding voting securities of a Subadvised Series to approve Sub-Advisory Agreements whenever the Advisor proposes to the Board to hire new Sub-Advisors to manage the assets of a Subadvised Series. These provisions would also require shareholder approval by a majority vote for any material amendment to Sub-Advisory Agreements.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement must precisely describe all compensation to be paid thereunder and provide for its termination without penalty by the Board on not more than 60 days’ notice.⁵⁻⁷ In addition, the Sub-Advisory Agreements are required to terminate automatically and immediately upon their “assignment,” which could occur upon a change in control of the Sub-Advisors.⁶⁸

⁵ ~~See Section 15(a)(3) of the 1940 Act.~~

⁷ See Section 15(a)(3) of the 1940 Act.

⁶⁸ See Section 15(a)(4) of the 1940 Act. Section 2(a)(4) of the 1940 Act defines “assignment” as any direct or indirect transfer or hypothecation of a contract.

Each Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor is expected to run its own day-to-day operations and each will have its own investment personnel. Therefore, in certain instances, appointing certain Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors could be viewed as a change in management and, as a result, an “assignment” within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Rule 2a-6 under the 1940 Act provides an exemption from the shareholder voting requirements in Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder for certain transactions that do not result in a “change in actual control or management of the investment adviser” to a registered investment company. As a general matter, the Applicants believe that Rule 2a-6 under the 1940 Act may not in all circumstances provide a safe harbor to approve or materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors without obtaining shareholder approval as required under Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder.

ii. Requested Relief

Applicants seek relief to (i) select Sub-Advisors to manage all or a portion of the assets of a Subadvised Series and enter into Sub-Advisory Agreements and (ii) materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with the Sub-Advisors, each subject to the approval of the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, without obtaining shareholder approval required under Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder. The Applicants believe that the relief sought should be granted by the Commission because (1) the Advisor either will operate the Subadvised Series, or may operate the Subadvised Series, in a manner that is different from conventional investment companies; (2) the relief will benefit shareholders by enabling the Subadvised Series to operate in a less costly and more efficient manner; and (3) the Applicants will consent to a number of conditions that adequately address the policy concerns of Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act, including conditions designed to ensure that shareholder interests are adequately protected through Board oversight.

1. Operations of the Trust

Section 15(a) was designed to protect the interest and expectations of a registered investment company’s shareholders by requiring that they approve investment advisory contracts, including ~~sub-advisory~~sub-advisory contracts.⁷⁹ Section 15(a) is predicated on the belief that if a registered investment company is to be managed by an investment adviser different from the investment adviser selected by shareholders at the time of the investment, the new investment adviser should be approved by shareholders.⁸¹⁰ The relief sought in this Application is consistent with this public policy.

In the case of a traditional investment company, the investment adviser is a single entity that employs one or more individuals as portfolio managers to make the day-to-day investment decisions. The investment adviser may terminate or hire portfolio managers without board or shareholder approval and has sole discretion to set the compensation it pays to the portfolio managers. Alternatively for multi-manager funds, the investment adviser is not normally

⁷⁹ See Section 1(b)(6) of the 1940 Act.

⁸¹⁰ Hearings on S. 3580 before a Subcomm. Of the Senate Comm. on Banking and Currency, 76th Cong., 3d Sess. 253 (1940) (statement of David Schenker).

responsible for the day-to-day investment decisions and instead, the investment adviser selects, supervises, and evaluates sub-advisers who ultimately are responsible for the day-to-day investment decisions.

Primary responsibility for management of a Subadvised Series' assets, including the selection and supervision of the Sub-Advisors, is vested in the Advisor, subject to the oversight of the Board. Applicants believe that it is consistent with the protection of investors to vest the selection and supervision of the Sub-Advisors in the Advisor in light of the management structure of the Subadvised Series, as well as the shareholders' expectation that the Advisor is in possession of information necessary to select the most capable Sub-Advisors. The Advisor has the requisite expertise to evaluate, select and supervise the Sub-Advisors. The Advisor will not normally make day-to-day investment decisions for a Subadvised Series.⁹¹¹

From the perspective of the shareholder, the role of the Sub-Advisors is substantially equivalent to the role of the individual portfolio managers employed by an investment adviser to a traditional investment company. The individual portfolio managers and the Sub-Advisors are each charged with the selection of portfolio investments in accordance with a Subadvised Series' investment objectives and policies and have no broad supervisory, management or administrative responsibilities with respect to a Subadvised Series. Shareholders expect the Advisor, subject to review and approval of the Board, to select the Sub-Advisors who are in the best position to achieve the Subadvised Series' investment objective. Shareholders also rely on the Advisor for the overall management of a Subadvised Series and the Subadvised Series' total investment performance.

Whenever required by Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, the Board will request and the Advisor and each Sub-Advisor will furnish such information as may be reasonably necessary for the Board to evaluate the terms of the Investment Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreements. The information that is provided to the Board will be maintained as part of the records of the Subadvised Series in accordance with the applicable recordkeeping requirements under the 1940 Act and made available to the Commission in the manner prescribed by the 1940 Act.

In addition, the Advisor and the Board will consider the reasonableness of the Sub-Advisor's compensation with respect to each Subadvised Series for which the Sub-Advisor will provide portfolio management services. Although only the Advisor's fee is payable directly by a Subadvised Series, and the Sub-Advisor's fee is payable by the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor's fee directly bears on the amount and reasonableness of the Advisor's fee payable by a Subadvised Series.¹² Accordingly, the Advisor and the Board will consider the fees paid to Sub-Advisors in evaluating the reasonableness of the overall arrangements, consistent with the requirements of Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act.

⁹¹¹ Although the Advisor will not normally make such day-to-day investment decisions, it may manage all or a portion of a Subadvised Series.

¹² While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

2. Lack of Economic Incentives

With respect to the relief sought herein, the Applicants believe that no conflict of interest or opportunity for self-dealing would arise under the terms and conditions of this Application. The Applicants also believe that no economic incentive exists for the Advisor to select a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor to manage all or a portion of the assets of a Subadvised Series. ~~As noted above, no Subadvised Series will be responsible for compensating a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor.~~ The Advisor will receive a management fee pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, which has been approved by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the shareholders of the relevant Subadvised Series. The Advisor is responsible, pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, for paying the Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor from the management fee it is paid by the Subadvised Series.¹³

Even if the Advisor had an economic incentive, it would not be able to act to the detriment of the shareholders of the Subadvised Series because of the conditions set forth in this Application. Applicants assert that conditions 6, 7, 10 and 11 are designed to provide the Board with sufficient independence and the resources and information it needs to monitor and address any conflicts of interest. A majority of the entire Board will be composed of Independent Board Members, and Independent Board Members will have independent counsel. For any Subadvised Series that uses a sub-advisor that is an “affiliated person” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Advisor, including, but not limited to, Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, a condition requires the Board to make a separate finding, reflected in the Board minutes, that any change in Sub-Advisors to manage all or a portion of the assets of that Subadvised Series is in the best interests of the Subadvised Series and its shareholders. A new Sub-Advisor would also need to be approved by a majority of the Board members who are subject to limits on their ability to have a financial interest in that Sub-Advisor. If an Advisor proposes to terminate a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor and hire a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor for a Subadvised Series, the fees and other terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreement will be reviewed by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, under Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, and the management fee paid to the Advisor by the Subadvised Series would remain subject to the annual review by the Board. Each Sub-Advisory Agreement would also remain subject to the annual review by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members.

3. Benefits to Shareholders

Unless the relief requested is granted, when new Sub-Advisors are retained by the Advisor on behalf of a Subadvised Series, the shareholders of the Subadvised Series ~~will~~may be required to approve the Sub-Advisory Agreements. Similarly, if Sub-Advisory Agreements are amended in any material respect, approval by the shareholders of the affected Subadvised Series ~~will~~may be required. Moreover, if Sub-Advisory Agreements were “assigned” as a result of a change in control of the Sub-Advisors, the shareholders of the affected Subadvised Series ~~would~~may be required to approve retaining the existing Sub-Advisor. In all these instances, the need for shareholder approval would require the Subadvised Series to call and hold a shareholder

¹³ While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

meeting, create and distribute proxy materials, and solicit votes from shareholders on behalf of the Subadvised Series, and generally necessitate the retention of a proxy solicitor. This process is time-intensive, expensive and slow, and, in the case of a poorly performing Sub-Advisor or one whose management team has parted ways with the Sub-Advisor, potentially harmful to the Subadvised Series and its shareholders.

As noted above, shareholders investing in a Subadvised Series that has Sub-Advisors are hiring the Advisor to manage the Subadvised Series' assets by overseeing, evaluating, monitoring and recommending Sub-Advisors rather than by hiring its own employees to manage the assets directly. Applicants believe that permitting the Advisor to perform the duties for which the shareholders of the Subadvised Series are paying the Advisor - the selection, supervision and evaluation of the Sub-Advisors - without incurring unnecessary delays or expenses is appropriate in the interest of the Subadvised Series' shareholders and will allow such Subadvised Series to operate more efficiently. Without the delay inherent in holding shareholder meetings (and the attendant difficulty in obtaining the necessary quorums), the Subadvised Series will be able to replace Sub-Advisors more quickly and at less cost, when the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the Advisor believe that a change would benefit a Subadvised Series and its shareholders. Without the requested relief, a Subadvised Series may, for example, be left in the hands of a Sub-Advisor that may be unable to manage a Subadvised Series' assets diligently because of diminished capabilities resulting from a loss of personnel or decreased motivation resulting from an impending termination of the Sub-Advisor. Moreover, if a Sub-Advisory Agreement were "assigned" as a result of a change in control of the Sub-Advisor, the shareholders of the affected Subadvised Series would be required to approve retaining the existing Sub-Advisor.

If the relief requested is granted, ~~the~~[each](#) Investment Management Agreement will continue to be fully subject to Section 15(a) of, and Rule 18f-2 under, the 1940 Act. Moreover, the Board will consider the Investment Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreements in connection with its annual contract renewal process under Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, and the standards of Section 36(b) of the 1940 Act will be applied to the fees paid by the Advisor to each Sub-Advisor.

4. Shareholder Notification

With the exception of the relief requested in connection with Aggregate Fee Disclosure (as defined below), the prospectus and statement of additional information for each Subadvised Series will include all information required by Form N-1A concerning the Sub-Advisors. If new Sub-Advisors are retained or Sub-Advisory Agreements are materially amended, the Subadvised Series' prospectus and statement of additional information will be supplemented promptly pursuant to Rule 497(e) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

If new Sub-Advisors are hired, the Subadvised Series will inform shareholders of the hiring of a new Sub-Advisor pursuant to the following procedures ("Modified Notice and Access Procedures"): (a) within 90 days after a new Sub-Advisor is hired for any Subadvised Series, that Subadvised Series will send its shareholders either a Multi-manager Notice or a Multi-manager

Notice and Multi-manager Information Statement;¹⁰¹⁴ and (b) the Subadvised Series will make the Multi-manager Information Statement available on the website identified in the Multi-manager Notice no later than when the Multi-manager Notice (or Multi-manager Notice and Multi-manager Information Statement) is first sent to shareholders, and will maintain it on that website for at least 90 days. In the circumstances described in this Application, a proxy solicitation to approve the appointment of new Sub-Advisors provides no more meaningful information to shareholders than the proposed Multi-manager Information Statement. Moreover, as indicated above, the Board would comply with the requirements of Sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the 1940 Act before entering into or amending Sub-Advisory Agreements.

Prior to any Subadvised Series relying on the requested relief in this Application, the Board, including its Independent Board Members, will have approved its operations as described herein. Additionally, the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series will approve its operation as described herein by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, within the meaning of the 1940 Act. In the case of any new Subadvised Series that has not yet offered its shares, and all of whose shareholders purchase shares on the basis of a prospectus containing disclosures to the effect that the relief is being sought, or has been obtained, from the Commission, only the approval of the initial ~~shareholders~~^{shareholders} will be obtained.

b. Fee Disclosure

i. Regulatory Background

Form N-1A is the registration statement used by open-end investment companies. Item 19(a)(3) of Form N-1A requires a registered investment company to disclose in its statement of additional information the method of computing the “advisory fee payable” by the investment company, including the total dollar amounts that the investment company “paid to the adviser (aggregated with amounts paid to affiliated advisers, if any), and any advisers who are not affiliated persons of the adviser, under the investment advisory contract for the last three fiscal years.”

Rule 20a-1 under the 1940 Act requires proxies solicited with respect to a registered investment company to comply with Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act. Item 22 of Schedule 14A sets forth the information that must be included in a registered investment company’s proxy statement. Item 22(c)(1)(ii) requires a proxy statement for a shareholder meeting at which action will be taken on an investment advisory agreement to describe the terms of the advisory contract, “including the rate of compensation of the investment adviser.” Item 22(c)(1)(iii) requires a description of the “aggregate amount of the investment adviser’s fees and the amount and purpose of any other material payments” by the investment company to the investment adviser,

¹⁰¹⁴ A “Multi-manager Notice” will be modeled on a Notice of Internet Availability as defined in Rule 14a-16 under the Exchange Act, and specifically will, among other things: (a) summarize the relevant information regarding the new Sub-Advisor (except as modified to permit Aggregate Fee Disclosure as defined in this Application); (b) inform shareholders that the Multi-manager Information Statement is available on a website; (c) provide the website address; (d) state the time period during which the Multi-manager Information Statement will remain available on that website; (e) provide instructions for accessing and printing the Multi-manager Information Statement; and (f) instruct the shareholder that a paper or email copy of the Multi-manager Information Statement may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Subadvised Series.

or any affiliated person of the investment adviser during the fiscal year. Item 22(c)(8) requires a description of “the terms of the contract to be acted upon and, if the action is an amendment to, or a replacement of, an investment advisory contract, the material differences between the current and proposed contract.” Finally, Item 22(c)(9) requires a proxy statement for a shareholder meeting at which a change in the advisory fee will be sought to state (i) the aggregate amount of the investment adviser’s fee during the last year; (ii) the amount that the adviser would have received had the proposed fee been in effect; and (iii) the difference between (i) and (ii) stated as a percent of the amount in (i). Together, these provisions may require a Subadvised Series to disclose the fees paid to Sub-Advisors in connection with shareholder action with respect to entering into, or materially amending, an advisory agreement or establishing, or increasing, advisory fees.

A “Multi-manager Information Statement” will meet the requirements of Regulation 14C, Schedule 14C and Item 22 of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act for an information statement, except as modified by the requested order to permit Aggregate Fee Disclosure. Multi-manager Information Statements will be filed with the Commission via the EDGAR system.

Regulation S-X sets forth the requirements for financial statements required to be included as part of a registered investment company’s registration statement and shareholder reports filed with the Commission. Sections 6-07(2)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation S-X require a registered investment company to include in its financial statement information about the investment advisory fees. These provisions could require a Subadvised Series’ financial statements to disclose information concerning fees paid to Sub-Advisors. An exemption is requested to permit the Subadvised Series to include only the Aggregate Fee Disclosure (as defined below). All other items required by Section 6-07(2)(a), (b), and (c) of Regulation S-X will be disclosed.

ii. Requested Relief

Applicants seek relief to permit each Subadvised Series to disclose (as a dollar amount and a percentage of a Subadvised Series’ net assets) (a) the aggregate fees paid to the Advisor and any Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors; (b) the aggregate fees paid to Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors; and (c) the fee paid to each ~~Affiliated~~Excluded Sub-Advisor (collectively, the “Aggregate Fee Disclosure”) in lieu of disclosing the fees that may be required by Item 19(a)(3) of Form N-1A, Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(8) and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A, and Section 6-07(2)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation S-X. The Aggregate Fee Disclosure would be presented as both a dollar amount and as a percentage of the Subadvised Series’ net assets. Applicants believe that the relief sought in this Application should be granted because the Advisor intends to operate Subadvised Series under a multi-manager structure and ~~no~~ ~~Subadvised Series~~the Advisor would be responsible for the payment of ~~advisory~~sub-advisory fees to the Sub-Advisors.¹⁵ As a result, disclosure of the individual fees that the Advisor pays to the Sub-Advisors would not serve any meaningful purpose.

¹⁵ While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

As noted above, the Advisor may operate Subadvised Series in a manner different from a traditional investment company. By investing in a Subadvised Series, shareholders are hiring the Advisor to manage the Subadvised Series' assets by overseeing, evaluating, monitoring and recommending Sub-Advisors rather than by hiring its own employees to manage the assets directly. The Advisor, under the supervision of the Board, is responsible for overseeing the Sub-Advisors and recommending their hiring and replacement. In return, the Advisor receives an advisory fee from each Subadvised Series. ~~Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement,~~ ~~the~~ The Advisor will compensate the Sub-Advisors directly. Disclosure of the individual fees that the Advisor would pay to the Sub-Advisors does not serve any meaningful purpose since investors pay the Advisor to oversee, monitor, evaluate and compensate the Sub-Advisors. Applicants contend that the primary reasons for requiring disclosure of individual fees paid to Sub-Advisors are to inform shareholders of expenses to be charged by a particular Subadvised Series and to enable shareholders to compare the fees to those of other comparable investment companies. Applicants believe that the requested relief satisfies these objectives because the advisory fee paid to the Advisor will be fully disclosed and therefore, shareholders will know what the Subadvised Series' fees and expenses are and will be able to compare the advisory fees a Subadvised Series is charged to those of other investment companies.

Indeed, in a more conventional arrangement, requiring the Subadvised Series to disclose the fees negotiated between the Advisor and the Sub-Advisors would be the functional equivalent of requiring single adviser investment companies to disclose the salaries of individual portfolio managers employed by that investment adviser. In the case of a single adviser or traditional investment company, disclosure is made of the compensation paid to the investment adviser, but shareholders are not told or asked to vote on the salary paid by the investment adviser to individual portfolio managers. Similarly, in the case of the Subadvised Series, the shareholders will have chosen to employ the Advisor and to rely upon the Advisor's expertise in monitoring the Sub-Advisors, recommending the Sub-Advisors' selection and termination (if necessary), and negotiating the compensation of the Sub-Advisors. There are no policy reasons that require shareholders of the Subadvised Series to be informed of the individual Sub-Advisor's fees any more than shareholders of a traditional investment company (single investment adviser) would be informed of the particular investment adviser's portfolio managers' salaries. ⁺⁺¹⁶

The requested relief would benefit shareholders of the Subadvised Series because it would improve the Advisor's ability to negotiate the fees paid to Sub-Advisors. The Advisor's ability to negotiate with the various Sub-Advisors would be adversely affected by public disclosure of fees paid to each Sub-Advisor. If the Advisor is not required to disclose the Sub-Advisors' fees to the public, the Advisor may be able to negotiate rates that are below a Sub-

⁺⁺¹⁶ The relief would be consistent with the Commission's disclosure requirements applicable to fund portfolio managers that were previously adopted. See Investment Company Act Release No. 26533 (Aug. 23, 2004). Under these disclosure requirements, a fund is required to include in its statement of additional information, among other matters, a description of the structure of and the method used to determine the compensation structure of its "portfolio managers." Applicants state that with respect to each Subadvised Series, the statement of additional information will describe the structure and method used to determine the compensation received by each portfolio manager employed by any Sub-Advisor. In addition to this disclosure with respect to portfolio managers, Applicants state that with respect to each Subadvised Series, the statement of additional information will describe the structure of, and method used to determine, the compensation received by each Sub-Advisor.

Advisor's "posted" amounts. Moreover, if one Sub-Advisor is aware of the advisory fee paid to another Sub-Advisor, the Sub-Advisor is unlikely to decrease its advisory fee below that amount. The relief will also encourage Sub-Advisors to negotiate lower sub-advisory fees with the Advisor if the lower fees are not required to be made public.

c. Precedent

Applicants note that substantially the same exemptions requested herein with respect to relief from Section 15(a) and Rule 18f-2 for Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors and Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, as well as relief from the disclosure requirements of the rules and forms discussed herein, have been granted previously by the Commission. See, e.g., [*American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc., et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 31328 \(November 4, 2014\) \(notice\) and 31362 \(December 2, 2014\) \(order\)](#); *Ivy Funds, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 31013 (April 10, 2014) (notice) and 31040 (May 6, 2014) (order); *Professionally Managed Portfolios and Balter Liquid Alternatives, LLC*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 31010 (April 8, 2014) (notice) and 31038 (May 5, 2014) (order); *Virtus Alternative Solutions Trust and Virtus Alternative Investment Advisers, Inc.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30986 (March 19, 2014) (notice) and 31014 (April 15, 2014) (order); *Forethought Variable Insurance Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30716 (September 25, 2013) (notice) and 30750 (October 22, 2013) (order); *Franklin Templeton International Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30679 (August 27, 2013) (notice) and 30698 (September 24, 2013) (order); *Munder Series Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30441 (March 29, 2013) (notice) and 30493 (April 24, 2013) (order); *Blackstone Alternative Investment Funds, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30416 (March 7, 2013) (notice) and 30444 (April 2, 2013) (order); *Cash Account Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Release Nos. 30151 (July 25, 2012) (notice) and 30172 (August 20, 2012) (order). [Applicants also note that exemptions for multi-manager structures in which the investment adviser may retain a Sub-Advisor which provides services to the Advisor with respect to selecting, monitoring, evaluating and allocating assets among the other Sub-Advisors of a Subadvised Series have been granted previously by the Commission. See e.g. *Principal Funds, Inc., et al.*, Investment Company Release Nos. 31203 \(Aug. 11, 2014\) \(notice\) and 31244 \(Sept. 8, 2014\), *Series Trust and Orinda Asset Management, LLC*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30043 \(Apr. 23, 2012\) \(notice\) and 30065 \(May 21, 2012\) \(order\); *Pax World Funds Series Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 29751 \(Aug. 10, 2011\) \(notice\) and 29783 \(Sep. 7, 2011\) \(order\).](#)

VII. CONDITIONS

Applicants agree that any order of the Commission granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions¹²¹⁷:

1. Before a Subadvised Series may rely on the order requested in the Application, the operation of the Subadvised Series in the manner described in this Application, including the hiring of Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, will be, or has been, approved by a majority of the Subadvised Series' outstanding voting

¹²¹⁷ Applicants will only comply with conditions 7, 8, 9 and 12 if they rely on the relief that would allow them to provide Aggregate Fee Disclosure.

securities as defined in the 1940 Act, or, in the case of a new Subadvised Series whose public shareholders purchase shares on the basis of a prospectus containing the disclosure contemplated by condition 2 below, by the ~~sole~~-initial ~~shareholder~~shareholders before offering the Subadvised Series' shares to the public.

2. The prospectus for each Subadvised Series will disclose the existence, substance, and effect of any order granted pursuant to this Application. Each Subadvised Series will hold itself out to the public as employing the multi-manager structure described in this Application. Each prospectus will prominently disclose that the Advisor has the ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Board, to oversee the Sub-Advisors and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement.
3. The Advisor will provide general management services to a Subadvised Series, including overall supervisory responsibility for the general management and investment of the Subadvised Series' assets. Subject to review and approval of the Board, the Advisor will (a) set a Subadvised Series' overall investment strategies, (b) evaluate, select, and recommend Sub-Advisors to manage all or a portion of a Subadvised Series' assets, and (c) implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that Sub-Advisors comply with a Subadvised Series' investment objective, policies and restrictions. Subject to review by the Board, the Advisor will (a) when appropriate, allocate and reallocate a Subadvised Series' assets among multiple Sub-Advisors; and (b) monitor and evaluate the performance of Sub-Advisors.
4. A Subadvised Series will not make any Ineligible Sub-Advisor Changes without such agreement, including the compensation to be paid thereunder, being approved by the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series.
5. Subadvised Series will inform shareholders of the hiring of a new Sub-Advisor within 90 days after the hiring of the new Sub-Advisor pursuant to the Modified Notice and Access Procedures.
6. At all times, at least a majority of the Board will be Independent Board Members, and the selection and nomination of new or additional Independent Board Members will be placed within the discretion of the then-existing Independent Board Members.
7. Independent Legal Counsel, as defined in Rule 0-1(a)(6) under the 1940 Act, will be engaged to represent the Independent Board Members. The selection of such counsel will be within the discretion of the then-existing Independent Board Members.
8. The Advisor will provide the Board, no less frequently than quarterly, with information about the profitability of the Advisor on a per Subadvised Series

basis. The information will reflect the impact on profitability of the hiring or termination of any sub-adviser during the applicable quarter.

9. Whenever a Sub-Advisor is hired or terminated, the Advisor will provide the Board with information showing the expected impact on the profitability of the Advisor.
10. Whenever a ~~sub-advisor~~sub-adviser change is proposed for a Subadvised Series with an Affiliated Sub-Advisor or a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, will make a separate finding, reflected in the Board minutes, that such change is in the best interests of the Subadvised Series and its shareholders, and does not involve a conflict of interest from which the Advisor or the Affiliated Sub-Advisor or Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor derives an inappropriate advantage.
11. No Board Member or officer of a Subadvised Series, or partner, director, manager, or officer of the Advisor, will own directly or indirectly (other than through a pooled investment vehicle that is not controlled by such person), any interest in a Sub-Advisor, except for (i) ownership of interests in the Advisor or any entity, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Advisor; or (ii) ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding securities of any class of equity or debt of a publicly-traded company that is either a Sub-Advisor or an entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a Sub-Advisor.
12. Each Subadvised Series will disclose the Aggregate Fee Disclosure in its registration statement.
13. In the event the Commission adopts a rule under the 1940 Act providing substantially similar relief to that requested in the Application, the requested order will expire on the effective date of that rule.
14. Any new Sub-Advisory Agreement or any amendment to a Subadvised Series' existing Investment Management Agreement or Sub-Advisory Agreement that directly or indirectly results in an increase in the aggregate advisory fee rate payable by the Subadvised Series will be submitted to the Subadvised Series' shareholders for approval.

VIII. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

All of the requirements for execution and filing of this Application on behalf of the Applicants have been complied with in accordance with the applicable organizational documents of the Applicants, and the undersigned officers of the Applicants are fully authorized to execute this Application. The authorizations of the Applicants, including the resolutions of the Applicants authorizing the filing of this Application, required by Rule 0-2(c) under the 1940 Act are included as Exhibits A-1 through A-2 to this Application. The verifications required by Rule 0-2(d) under the 1940 Act are included as Exhibits B-1 through B-2 to this Application.

Pursuant to Rule 0-2(f) under the 1940 Act, Applicants state that their address is ~~4500 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111~~ 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 and that all written communications regarding this Application should be directed to the individuals and addresses indicated on the first page of this Application.

Applicants desire that the Commission issue the requested order pursuant to Rule 0-5 under the 1940 Act without conducting a hearing.

IX. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue an order under Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act granting the relief requested in the Application. Applicants submit that the requested exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, consistent with the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act.

[Signature Page Follows]

The Applicants have caused this Application to be duly signed on their behalf on the ~~8th~~11th day of ~~July~~February, ~~2014~~2015.

~~AMERICAN CENTURY CAPITAL PORTFOLIOS, INC.~~

NUVEEN INVESTMENT TRUST

By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~

Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: Vice President

NUVEEN FUND ADVISORS, LLC

~~AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC.~~

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By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~ Kathleen L.
Prudhomme

Title: ~~Vice President~~ Managing Director

EXHIBITS TO APPLICATION

The following materials are made a part of the Application and are attached hereto:

Designation

Document

Exhibits A-1 through A-2

Authorizations

Exhibits B-1 through B-2

Verifications

AUTHORIZATION

~~The undersigned, being duly elected Secretary of American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc. (the “Issuer”), DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of the Issuer at a meeting duly held on June 18, 2014 and that such resolutions have not been revoked, modified, rescinded or amended and are in full force and effect:~~

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected Vice President of Nuveen Investment Trust (the “Trust”); that, with respect to the attached application by the Trust and Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC for exemption from the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the rules and forms thereunder and any amendments thereto (such application along with any amendments, the “Application”), all actions necessary to authorize the execution and filing of the Application have been taken by the Trust and the person signing and filing the Application on behalf of the Trust is fully authorized to do so; and that the Board of the Trust adopted the following resolutions on December 17, 2014:

~~RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Issuer~~Nuveen Investment Funds, Inc., Nuveen Investment Trust, Nuveen Investment Trust II, Nuveen Investment Trust III, Nuveen Investment Trust V, Nuveen Managed Accounts Portfolios Trust, Nuveen Multistate Trust I, Nuveen Multistate Trust II, Nuveen Multistate Trust III, Nuveen Multistate Trust IV, Nuveen Municipal Trust and Nuveen Strategy Funds, Inc. (each, a “Trust”) hereby authorizes and directs the officers of ~~the Issuer to complete, execute~~such Trust to prepare and file, ~~in the name and on behalf of the Issuer, an application~~with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) an application for exemptive relief (the “Application”), and any and all exhibits and documents relating amendments thereto, ~~with such changes, additions, deletions and amendments as the officers of the Issuer executing such application may deem appropriate, that would exempt the Issuer from (i) requesting an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), for exemptions from Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 under thereunder, and from certain disclosure requirements of the 1940 Act and other provisions under the federal securities laws to the extent necessary to allow the Issuer's investment advisor, subject to approval from the Board, applicable rules and regulations thereunder, to allow one or more series of each Trust that intends to utilize a manager of managers structure (each, a “Fund”) to enter into and materially amend subadvisory investment sub-advisory agreements with any type of investment adviser, (as defined in Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act) whether affiliated with the Issuer's investment adviser or not, without shareholder approval and (ii) certain one or more sub-advisers, which shall be subject to review and approval by the Board, but not the shareholders of the affected Fund, and to make “aggregate fee disclosure requirements,” as may be permitted by the Commission; and~~

~~FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the Issuer~~each Trust are ~~hereby~~ authorized and empowered to take such further actions, to execute ~~and deliver any and all such other documents, contracts or instruments in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, and do or cause to be done any and all~~to pay such expenses and to do such other acts and things ~~that they as such officers, or any of them, may in their discretion, deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement fully and promptly the purposes and~~advisable to effectuate the intent of

the foregoing resolution, any such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such documents or the taking of such action by such officers.

~~IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name on the 8th day of July, 2014.~~

By: /s/ ~~Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: ~~Secretary~~ Vice President

AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned, being duly elected Secretary of American Century Investment Management, Inc. (“ACIM”), ~~DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of ACIM via unanimous written consent dated June 30, 2014 and that such resolutions have not been revoked, modified, rescinded or amended and are in full force and effect:~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of ACIM hereby approves, authorizes and empowers the appropriate officers of ACIM to complete, execute and file, in the name and on behalf of ACIM, an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any and all exhibits and documents relating thereto, with such changes, additions, deletions and amendments as the officer or officers executing such application may deem necessary or appropriate, that would permit ACIM to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements with any type of investment adviser, (as defined in Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act) whether affiliated with the ACIM or not, without shareholder approval, and would exempt existing and future mutual funds advised by ACIM from certain disclosure requirements.~~

~~FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of ACIM be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered, for and on behalf of ACIM, to execute and deliver any and all documents, contracts or instruments in the name of and on behalf of ACIM, and do or cause to be done any and all such other acts and things that they, or any of them, may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement fully and promptly the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolution.~~

~~IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder subscribed my name to this Certificate as of this 8th day of July, 2014.~~

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the Managing Director of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (the “Company”); that, with respect to the attached application for exemption from the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, rules and forms thereunder and any amendments thereto (such application along with any amendments, the “Application”), all actions necessary to authorize the execution and filing of the Application under the operating agreement of the Company have been taken and the person signing and filing the Application on behalf of the Company is fully authorized to do so.

By: ~~/s/ Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: ~~Secretary~~ Managing Director

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VERIFICATION

The undersigned, states that ~~he~~she has duly executed ~~the attached application,~~this Application for an Exemptive Order dated ~~July 8~~February 11, 2014~~2015~~, for and on behalf of ~~American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc.;~~Nuveen Investment Trust (the "Trust"), that ~~he~~she is the Vice President of ~~such company~~the Trust; and that all action by ~~stockholders, directors, trustees~~ and other ~~bodies~~persons necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that ~~he~~she is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of ~~his~~her knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: Vice President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, states that ~~heshe~~ has duly executed ~~the attached application, dated July 8, 2014, this~~ Application for an Exemptive Order dated February 11, 2015 for and on behalf of ~~American Century Investment Management, Inc.;~~ Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (the "Company"), that ~~heshe~~ is the ~~Vice President of such~~ Managing Director of the company; and that all action by ~~stockholders, directors, managers~~ and other ~~bodies~~ persons necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that ~~heshe~~ is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of ~~his~~ her knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: Managing Director

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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on ~~July 8~~February 11, 2014~~2015~~

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In the Matter of)	APPLICATION PURSUANT TO
)	SECTION 6(c) OF THE
Nuveen Investment Trust)	INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF
Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC)	1940, AS AMENDED, FOR AN
AMERICAN CENTURY CAPITAL)	ORDER OF EXEMPTION FROM
PORTFOLIOS, INC.)	SECTION 15(a) OF THE ACT AND
AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENT)	RULE 18f-2 UNDER THE ACT AND
MANAGEMENT, INC.)	FROM CERTAIN DISCLOSURE
)	REQUIREMENTS UNDER VARIOUS
333 West Wacker Drive)	RULES AND FORMS
Chicago, IL 60606)	
4500 Main Street)	
Kansas City, MO 64111)	

Investment Company Act of 1940
File No. ~~{To be assigned}~~ _____

I. INTRODUCTION

~~American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc.~~ [Nuveen Investment Trust](#) (the “Trust”), a registered open-end investment company that offers one or more series of shares (each a “Series” and collectively, the “Series”) and ~~American Century Investment Management, Inc.~~ [\(Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC \(“NEAL” or the “Advisor” and together with the Trusts and the Series, the “Applicants”\)](#)¹, the investment adviser to the Trust, hereby file this application (the “Application”) for an order of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”).

Applicants request an order exempting Applicants from Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder to permit the Advisor, subject to the approval of the board of trustees of the Trust (the “Board”)², including a majority of those who are not “interested persons” of the Series or the Advisor as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act (the “Independent Board Members”), to, without obtaining shareholder approval: (i) select both certain wholly-owned and non-affiliated investment sub-advisers (each a “Sub-Advisor” and collectively, the “Sub-Advisors”) to manage all or a portion of the assets of a Series and enter into investment sub-advisory agreements with the Sub-Advisors (each a “Sub-Advisory Agreement” and collectively, the “Sub-Advisory Agreements”), and (ii) materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with the Sub-Advisors. As used herein, a Sub-Advisor for a Series is (1) an indirect or direct “wholly-owned subsidiary” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Advisor for that Series, or (2)

¹ The term “Advisor” includes (i) ~~the Advisor~~ [NEAL and its successors](#), and (ii) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with, ~~the Advisor~~ [NEAL](#) or its successors. For the purposes of the requested order, “successor” is limited to an entity resulting from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.

² The term “Board” also includes the board of trustees or directors of a future Subadvised Series.

a sister company of the Advisor for that Series that is an indirect or direct “wholly-owned subsidiary” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the same company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Advisor (each of (1) and (2) a “Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor” and collectively, the “Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors”), or (3) an investment sub-adviser for that Series that is not an “affiliated person” (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act) of the Series or the Advisor, except to the extent that an affiliation arises solely because the sub-adviser serves as a sub-adviser to one or more Series (each a “Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor” and collectively, the “Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors”).

Applicants also request that the order of the Commission under Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act exempt the Series from certain disclosure obligations under the following rules and forms: (i) Item 19(a)(3) of Form N-1A; (ii) Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(8), and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”); and (iii) Sections 6-07(2)(a), (b), and (c) of Regulation S-X.

Applicants request that the relief sought herein apply to the named Applicants, as well as to any future Series and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof that intends to rely on the requested order in the future and that (i) is advised by the Advisor, (ii) uses the multi-manager structure described in this Application, and (iii) complies with the terms and conditions set forth herein (each, a “Subadvised Series”). All registered open-end investment companies that currently intend to rely on the requested order are named as Applicants³. ~~All Series that currently are, or that currently intend to be, Subadvised Series are identified in the Application.~~ Any entity that relies on the requested order will do so only in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this Application.⁴

Applicants are seeking this exemption primarily to enable the Advisor and the Board to obtain for each Subadvised Series the services of one or more Sub-Advisors believed by the Advisor and the Board to be particularly well suited to manage all or a portion of the assets of the Subadvised Series, and to make material amendments to Sub-Advisory Agreements believed by the Advisor and the Board to be appropriate, without the delay and expense of convening special meetings of shareholders to approve the Sub-Advisory Agreements. Under this structure, the Advisor, in its capacity as investment adviser, evaluates, allocates assets to and oversees the Sub-Advisors, and makes recommendations about their hiring, termination and replacement to the Board, at all times subject to the authority of the Board. This structure is commonly referred to as a “multi-manager” or “manager of managers” structure.

³ The Trust currently intends to introduce at least one Series that would operate under a multi-manager structure and which will be offered and sold pursuant to a registration statement on Form N-1A.

⁴ The requested relief will not extend to (i) any ~~sub-advisor~~sub-adviser, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, who is an affiliated person, as defined in ~~section~~Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act, of the Subadvised Series, the applicable Trust or of the Advisor, other than by reason of serving as a ~~sub-advisor~~sub-adviser to one or more of the Subadvised Series (“Affiliated Sub-Advisor”), and (ii) any sub-adviser, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, of a Subadvised Series which provides services to the Advisor with respect to selecting, monitoring, evaluating and allocating assets among the other Sub-Advisors of such Subadvised Series, and which may or may not manage a portion of the assets of such Subadvised Series (collectively, “Excluded Sub-Advisors”).

If the relief sought is granted, the Advisor, with the approval of the Board, including a majority of the members of the Board who are Independent Board Members, would on behalf of each Subadvised Series, without obtaining shareholder approval, be permitted to (i) hire a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor or a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, including terminating an existing sub-adviser and replacing it with one or more Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors or Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, and (ii) materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors and Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors. Shareholder approval will continue to be required for any other ~~sub-adviser~~sub-adviser changes and material amendments to an existing Sub-Advisory Agreement with any ~~sub-adviser~~sub-adviser other than a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor or a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, in each case (all such changes requiring shareholder approval referred to herein as “Ineligible Sub-Advisor Changes”) except as otherwise permitted by applicable law or by rule.

For the reasons discussed below, Applicants believe that the requested relief is appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act. Applicants believe that the Subadvised Series would be negatively impacted without the requested relief because of delays in hiring or replacing Sub-Advisors and costs associated with the proxy solicitation to approve new or amended Sub-Advisory Agreements.

II. THE TRUST

The Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. ~~An adviser~~The Advisor will serve as “investment adviser,” as defined in Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act, to each Series. The Trust is organized as a ~~Maryland corporation and~~Massachusetts business trust. The Trust is managed under the direction of the Board. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders.

Each Series will have its own distinct investment objective, policies and restrictions. A Series may offer, pursuant to Rule 18f-3 under the 1940 Act, one or more classes of shares that are subject to different expenses. As a result, certain Series may issue a class of shares that is subject to a front-end sales load or a contingent deferred sales load. In addition, a Series or any classes thereof may pay fees in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act.

III. THE ADVISOR

The Advisor will serve as the investment adviser to each Series pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust (the “Investment Management Agreement”). The Advisor is registered with the Commission as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”). The Advisor, a ~~corporation~~limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, is a ~~wholly-owned~~ subsidiary of ~~American Century Companies, Inc. (“ACC”), a privately held corporation organized under Delaware law. In the future, ACC may acquire one or more other subsidiaries that it would wholly own, and that would~~Nuveen Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Nuveen”). Nuveen is an indirect subsidiary of TIAA-CREF. Nuveen maintains an asset management presence through various subsidiaries, including NFAL. Any future Advisor also will be registered with the Commission as an investment ~~advisers~~adviser under the Advisers Act.

~~The~~Each Investment Management Agreement will be approved by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and by the shareholders of the relevant Series in the manner required by Sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder. The terms of the Investment Management ~~Agreement~~Agreements will comply with Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act. Applicants are not seeking an exemption from the 1940 Act with respect to the Investment Management ~~Agreement~~Agreements. Pursuant to the terms of ~~the~~each Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor, subject to the supervision of the Board, will provide continuous investment management of the assets of each Series. As the investment adviser to each Series, the Advisor will have responsibility for determining the securities and other instruments to be purchased, sold or entered into by each Series and placing orders with brokers or dealers selected by the Advisor. The Advisor will also have responsibility for determining what portion of each Series' portfolio will be invested in securities and other assets and what portion, if any, will be held uninvested in cash or cash equivalents. The Advisor will periodically review each Series' investment policies and strategies, and based on the need of a particular Series may recommend changes to the investment policies and strategies of the Series for consideration by the Board.

~~The~~Consistent with the terms of each Investment Management Agreement ~~will provide that~~, the Advisor may, subject to the approval of the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series (if required), delegate portfolio management responsibilities of all or a portion of the assets of a Subadvised Series to one or more Sub-Advisors. In accordance with ~~the~~each Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor will supervise each Sub-Advisor in its performance of its duties with a view to preventing violations of the federal securities laws. The Advisor will continue to have overall responsibility for the management and investment of the assets of each Subadvised Series, and the Advisor's responsibilities will include, for example, recommending the removal or replacement of Sub-Advisors, and determining the portion of that Subadvised Series' assets to be managed by any given Sub-Advisor and reallocating those assets as necessary from time to time. If the Advisor determines to delegate portfolio management responsibilities to one or more Sub-Advisors, the Advisor will evaluate, select and recommend Sub-Advisors to manage the assets (or portion thereof) of a Subadvised Series and oversee, monitor and review the Sub-Advisors and their performance and their compliance with the Subadvised Series' investment policies and restrictions. If the name of any Subadvised Series contains the name of a Sub-Advisor, the name of the Advisor to the Subadvised Series, or a trademark or trade name that is owned by or publicly used to identify the Advisor, will precede the name of the Sub-Advisor.

For its services to each Series under the applicable Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor will receive an investment management fee from that Series. The Advisor will be solely responsible for compensating each Sub-Advisor from the investment management fees that it receives from the applicable Series.⁵

⁵ While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

IV. THE SUB-ADVISORS

Pursuant to the authority under the Investment Management Agreement, the Advisor may enter into Sub-Advisory Agreements with various Sub-Advisors on behalf of the Subadvised Series.

The Sub-Advisors will be “investment advisers” to the Subadvised Series within the meaning of Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act and will provide investment management services to the Subadvised Series subject to, without limitation, the requirements of Sections 15(c) and 36(b) of the 1940 Act. In addition, the Sub-Advisors will be registered with the Commission as investment advisers under the Advisers Act or exempt from such registration. The Advisor will select Sub-Advisors based on the Advisor’s evaluation of the Sub-Advisors’ skills in managing assets pursuant to particular investment styles, and will recommend their hiring to the Board. The Advisor may employ multiple Sub-Advisors for one or more of the Subadvised Series. In those instances, the Advisor would allocate and, as appropriate, reallocate a Subadvised Series’ assets among the Sub-Advisors and the Sub-Advisors would have management oversight of that portion of the Subadvised Series allocated to each of them.

The Advisor will engage in an on-going analysis of the continued advisability of retaining a Sub-Advisor and will make recommendations to the Board as needed. The Advisor will also negotiate and renegotiate the terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreements with the Sub-Advisors, including the fees paid to the Sub-Advisors, and will make recommendations to the Board as needed.

The Sub-Advisors, subject to the supervision of the Advisor and oversight of the Board, will determine the securities and other investments to be purchased, sold or entered into by a Subadvised Series’ portfolio or a portion thereof, and will place orders with brokers or dealers that they select. The Sub-Advisors will keep certain records required by the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act to be maintained on behalf of the relevant Subadvised Series, and will assist the Advisor to maintain the Subadvised Series’ compliance with the relevant requirements of the 1940 Act. The Sub-Advisors will monitor the respective Subadvised Series’ investments and provide periodic reports to the Board and the Advisor. The Sub-Advisors will also make their officers and employees available to the Advisor and the Board to review the investment performance and investment policies of the Subadvised Series.

Any Sub-Advisory Agreements in effect at the time the Subadvised Series ~~commences~~commence their public offerings of securities will have been approved by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the initial shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series in accordance with Sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder. All Sub-Advisory Agreements will be approved by the Board in the same manner. The terms of each Sub-Advisory Agreement will comply fully with the requirements of Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act. Each Sub-Advisory Agreement will set forth the duties of the Sub-Advisors and precisely describe the compensation that the Sub-Advisor will receive for providing services to the relevant Subadvised Series, and will provide that (1) it will continue in effect for more than two years from the date of its original approval only so long as such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board at the times and manner required by Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, (2) it may be terminated at any time, without the

payment of any penalty, by the Advisor, the Board or by the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series on not more than sixty days' written notice to the Sub-Advisor, and (3) it will terminate automatically in the event of its "assignment," as defined in Section 2(a)(4) of the 1940 Act. To the extent required by law, the Applicants will continue the shareholder approval process for any Sub-Advisory Agreements until such time as the Commission grants exemptive relief to the Applicants.

The terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreements will also be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members in accordance with Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act. Each year, the Board will dedicate substantial time to review contract matters, including matters relating to Investment Management ~~Agreement~~[Agreements](#) and Sub-Advisory Agreements. The Board will review comprehensive materials received from the Advisor, the Sub-Advisors, independent third parties and independent counsel. The Board will consist of a majority Independent Board Members. The Applicants will continue this annual review and renewal process for Sub-Advisory Agreements in accordance with the 1940 Act if the relief requested herein is granted by the Commission.

The Board will review information provided by the Advisor and Sub-Advisors when it is asked to approve or renew Sub-Advisory Agreements. A Subadvised Series will disclose in its statutory prospectus that a discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval and renewal of the Investment Management Agreement and any applicable Sub-Advisory Agreements is available in the Subadvised Series' annual or semi-annual report to shareholders for the relevant period in accordance with Item 10(a)(1)(iii) of Form N-1A. The information provided to the Board will be maintained as part of the records of the respective Subadvised Series pursuant to Rule 31a-1(b)(4) and Rule 31a-2 under the 1940 Act.

Pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreements, the Advisor will agree to pay the Sub-Advisors a fee out of the fee paid to the Advisor under the Investment Management Agreement.⁶ Each Sub-Advisor will bear its own expenses of providing investment management services to the relevant Subadvised Series. ~~Neither the Trust nor any Subadvised Series will be responsible for paying sub-advisory fees to any Sub-Advisor.~~

V. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTIVE RELIEF

Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from any provisions of the 1940 Act, or any rule thereunder, if such relief is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act. Applicants believe that the requested relief described in this Application meets this standard.

VI. LEGAL ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

⁶ [While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.](#)

a. Shareholder Vote

i. Regulatory Background

Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act states, in part, that it is unlawful for any person to act as an investment adviser to a registered investment company “except pursuant to a written contract, which contract, whether with such registered company or with an investment adviser of such registered company, has been approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of such registered company.” Rule 18f-2(a) under the 1940 Act states that any “matter required to be submitted to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of a series company shall not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of each class or series of stock affected by such matter.” Further, Rule 18f-2(c)(1) under the 1940 Act provides that a vote to approve an investment advisory contract required by Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act “shall be deemed to be effectively acted upon with respect to any class or series of securities of such registered investment company if a majority of the outstanding voting securities of such class or series vote for the approval of such matter.”

Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act defines an “investment adviser” as any person who, pursuant to an agreement with such registered investment company or with an investment adviser of such registered investment company, regularly furnishes advice with respect to the desirability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities or other property or is empowered to determine what securities or other property shall be purchased or sold by such registered investment company. Consequently, the Sub-Advisors are deemed to be within the definition of an “investment adviser” and therefore, the Sub-Advisory Agreements are each subject to Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder to the same extent as the Investment Management ~~Agreement~~Agreements.

Taken together, Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 require a majority of the outstanding voting securities of a Subadvised Series to approve Sub-Advisory Agreements whenever the Advisor proposes to the Board to hire new Sub-Advisors to manage the assets of a Subadvised Series. These provisions would also require shareholder approval by a majority vote for any material amendment to Sub-Advisory Agreements.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement must precisely describe all compensation to be paid thereunder and provide for its termination without penalty by the Board on not more than 60 days’ notice.⁵⁻⁷ In addition, the Sub-Advisory Agreements are required to terminate automatically and immediately upon their “assignment,” which could occur upon a change in control of the Sub-Advisors.⁶⁸

⁵ ~~See Section 15(a)(3) of the 1940 Act.~~

⁷ See Section 15(a)(3) of the 1940 Act.

⁶⁸ See Section 15(a)(4) of the 1940 Act. Section 2(a)(4) of the 1940 Act defines “assignment” as any direct or indirect transfer or hypothecation of a contract.

Each Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor is expected to run its own day-to-day operations and each will have its own investment personnel. Therefore, in certain instances, appointing certain Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors could be viewed as a change in management and, as a result, an “assignment” within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Rule 2a-6 under the 1940 Act provides an exemption from the shareholder voting requirements in Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder for certain transactions that do not result in a “change in actual control or management of the investment adviser” to a registered investment company. As a general matter, the Applicants believe that Rule 2a-6 under the 1940 Act may not in all circumstances provide a safe harbor to approve or materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors without obtaining shareholder approval as required under Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder.

ii. Requested Relief

Applicants seek relief to (i) select Sub-Advisors to manage all or a portion of the assets of a Subadvised Series and enter into Sub-Advisory Agreements and (ii) materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with the Sub-Advisors, each subject to the approval of the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, without obtaining shareholder approval required under Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 thereunder. The Applicants believe that the relief sought should be granted by the Commission because (1) the Advisor either will operate the Subadvised Series, or may operate the Subadvised Series, in a manner that is different from conventional investment companies; (2) the relief will benefit shareholders by enabling the Subadvised Series to operate in a less costly and more efficient manner; and (3) the Applicants will consent to a number of conditions that adequately address the policy concerns of Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act, including conditions designed to ensure that shareholder interests are adequately protected through Board oversight.

1. Operations of the Trust

Section 15(a) was designed to protect the interest and expectations of a registered investment company’s shareholders by requiring that they approve investment advisory contracts, including ~~sub-advisory~~ sub-advisory contracts.⁷⁹ Section 15(a) is predicated on the belief that if a registered investment company is to be managed by an investment adviser different from the investment adviser selected by shareholders at the time of the investment, the new investment adviser should be approved by shareholders.⁸¹⁰ The relief sought in this Application is consistent with this public policy.

In the case of a traditional investment company, the investment adviser is a single entity that employs one or more individuals as portfolio managers to make the day-to-day investment decisions. The investment adviser may terminate or hire portfolio managers without board or shareholder approval and has sole discretion to set the compensation it pays to the portfolio managers. Alternatively for multi-manager funds, the investment adviser is not normally

⁷⁹ See Section 1(b)(6) of the 1940 Act.

⁸¹⁰ Hearings on S. 3580 before a Subcomm. Of the Senate Comm. on Banking and Currency, 76th Cong., 3d Sess. 253 (1940) (statement of David Schenker).

responsible for the day-to-day investment decisions and instead, the investment adviser selects, supervises, and evaluates sub-advisers who ultimately are responsible for the day-to-day investment decisions.

Primary responsibility for management of a Subadvised Series' assets, including the selection and supervision of the Sub-Advisors, is vested in the Advisor, subject to the oversight of the Board. Applicants believe that it is consistent with the protection of investors to vest the selection and supervision of the Sub-Advisors in the Advisor in light of the management structure of the Subadvised Series, as well as the shareholders' expectation that the Advisor is in possession of information necessary to select the most capable Sub-Advisors. The Advisor has the requisite expertise to evaluate, select and supervise the Sub-Advisors. The Advisor will not normally make day-to-day investment decisions for a Subadvised Series.⁹¹¹

From the perspective of the shareholder, the role of the Sub-Advisors is substantially equivalent to the role of the individual portfolio managers employed by an investment adviser to a traditional investment company. The individual portfolio managers and the Sub-Advisors are each charged with the selection of portfolio investments in accordance with a Subadvised Series' investment objectives and policies and have no broad supervisory, management or administrative responsibilities with respect to a Subadvised Series. Shareholders expect the Advisor, subject to review and approval of the Board, to select the Sub-Advisors who are in the best position to achieve the Subadvised Series' investment objective. Shareholders also rely on the Advisor for the overall management of a Subadvised Series and the Subadvised Series' total investment performance.

Whenever required by Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, the Board will request and the Advisor and each Sub-Advisor will furnish such information as may be reasonably necessary for the Board to evaluate the terms of the Investment Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreements. The information that is provided to the Board will be maintained as part of the records of the Subadvised Series in accordance with the applicable recordkeeping requirements under the 1940 Act and made available to the Commission in the manner prescribed by the 1940 Act.

In addition, the Advisor and the Board will consider the reasonableness of the Sub-Advisor's compensation with respect to each Subadvised Series for which the Sub-Advisor will provide portfolio management services. Although only the Advisor's fee is payable directly by a Subadvised Series, and the Sub-Advisor's fee is payable by the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor's fee directly bears on the amount and reasonableness of the Advisor's fee payable by a Subadvised Series.¹² Accordingly, the Advisor and the Board will consider the fees paid to Sub-Advisors in evaluating the reasonableness of the overall arrangements, consistent with the requirements of Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act.

⁹¹¹ Although the Advisor will not normally make such day-to-day investment decisions, it may manage all or a portion of a Subadvised Series.

¹² While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

2. Lack of Economic Incentives

With respect to the relief sought herein, the Applicants believe that no conflict of interest or opportunity for self-dealing would arise under the terms and conditions of this Application. The Applicants also believe that no economic incentive exists for the Advisor to select a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor to manage all or a portion of the assets of a Subadvised Series. ~~As noted above, no Subadvised Series will be responsible for compensating a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor.~~ The Advisor will receive a management fee pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, which has been approved by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the shareholders of the relevant Subadvised Series. The Advisor is responsible, pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, for paying the Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor from the management fee it is paid by the Subadvised Series.¹³

Even if the Advisor had an economic incentive, it would not be able to act to the detriment of the shareholders of the Subadvised Series because of the conditions set forth in this Application. Applicants assert that conditions 6, 7, 10 and 11 are designed to provide the Board with sufficient independence and the resources and information it needs to monitor and address any conflicts of interest. A majority of the entire Board will be composed of Independent Board Members, and Independent Board Members will have independent counsel. For any Subadvised Series that uses a sub-advisor that is an “affiliated person” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Advisor, including, but not limited to, Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, a condition requires the Board to make a separate finding, reflected in the Board minutes, that any change in Sub-Advisors to manage all or a portion of the assets of that Subadvised Series is in the best interests of the Subadvised Series and its shareholders. A new Sub-Advisor would also need to be approved by a majority of the Board members who are subject to limits on their ability to have a financial interest in that Sub-Advisor. If an Advisor proposes to terminate a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor and hire a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor for a Subadvised Series, the fees and other terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreement will be reviewed by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, under Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, and the management fee paid to the Advisor by the Subadvised Series would remain subject to the annual review by the Board. Each Sub-Advisory Agreement would also remain subject to the annual review by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members.

3. Benefits to Shareholders

Unless the relief requested is granted, when new Sub-Advisors are retained by the Advisor on behalf of a Subadvised Series, the shareholders of the Subadvised Series ~~will~~may be required to approve the Sub-Advisory Agreements. Similarly, if Sub-Advisory Agreements are amended in any material respect, approval by the shareholders of the affected Subadvised Series ~~will~~may be required. Moreover, if Sub-Advisory Agreements were “assigned” as a result of a change in control of the Sub-Advisors, the shareholders of the affected Subadvised Series ~~would~~may be required to approve retaining the existing Sub-Advisor. In all these instances, the need for shareholder approval would require the Subadvised Series to call and hold a shareholder

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meeting, create and distribute proxy materials, and solicit votes from shareholders on behalf of the Subadvised Series, and generally necessitate the retention of a proxy solicitor. This process is time-intensive, expensive and slow, and, in the case of a poorly performing Sub-Advisor or one whose management team has parted ways with the Sub-Advisor, potentially harmful to the Subadvised Series and its shareholders.

As noted above, shareholders investing in a Subadvised Series that has Sub-Advisors are hiring the Advisor to manage the Subadvised Series' assets by overseeing, evaluating, monitoring and recommending Sub-Advisors rather than by hiring its own employees to manage the assets directly. Applicants believe that permitting the Advisor to perform the duties for which the shareholders of the Subadvised Series are paying the Advisor - the selection, supervision and evaluation of the Sub-Advisors - without incurring unnecessary delays or expenses is appropriate in the interest of the Subadvised Series' shareholders and will allow such Subadvised Series to operate more efficiently. Without the delay inherent in holding shareholder meetings (and the attendant difficulty in obtaining the necessary quorums), the Subadvised Series will be able to replace Sub-Advisors more quickly and at less cost, when the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, and the Advisor believe that a change would benefit a Subadvised Series and its shareholders. Without the requested relief, a Subadvised Series may, for example, be left in the hands of a Sub-Advisor that may be unable to manage a Subadvised Series' assets diligently because of diminished capabilities resulting from a loss of personnel or decreased motivation resulting from an impending termination of the Sub-Advisor. Moreover, if a Sub-Advisory Agreement were "assigned" as a result of a change in control of the Sub-Advisor, the shareholders of the affected Subadvised Series would be required to approve retaining the existing Sub-Advisor.

If the relief requested is granted, ~~the~~[each](#) Investment Management Agreement will continue to be fully subject to Section 15(a) of, and Rule 18f-2 under, the 1940 Act. Moreover, the Board will consider the Investment Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreements in connection with its annual contract renewal process under Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, and the standards of Section 36(b) of the 1940 Act will be applied to the fees paid by the Advisor to each Sub-Advisor.

4. Shareholder Notification

With the exception of the relief requested in connection with Aggregate Fee Disclosure (as defined below), the prospectus and statement of additional information for each Subadvised Series will include all information required by Form N-1A concerning the Sub-Advisors. If new Sub-Advisors are retained or Sub-Advisory Agreements are materially amended, the Subadvised Series' prospectus and statement of additional information will be supplemented promptly pursuant to Rule 497(e) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

If new Sub-Advisors are hired, the Subadvised Series will inform shareholders of the hiring of a new Sub-Advisor pursuant to the following procedures ("Modified Notice and Access Procedures"): (a) within 90 days after a new Sub-Advisor is hired for any Subadvised Series, that Subadvised Series will send its shareholders either a Multi-manager Notice or a Multi-manager

Notice and Multi-manager Information Statement;¹⁰¹⁴ and (b) the Subadvised Series will make the Multi-manager Information Statement available on the website identified in the Multi-manager Notice no later than when the Multi-manager Notice (or Multi-manager Notice and Multi-manager Information Statement) is first sent to shareholders, and will maintain it on that website for at least 90 days. In the circumstances described in this Application, a proxy solicitation to approve the appointment of new Sub-Advisors provides no more meaningful information to shareholders than the proposed Multi-manager Information Statement. Moreover, as indicated above, the Board would comply with the requirements of Sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the 1940 Act before entering into or amending Sub-Advisory Agreements.

Prior to any Subadvised Series relying on the requested relief in this Application, the Board, including its Independent Board Members, will have approved its operations as described herein. Additionally, the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series will approve its operation as described herein by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, within the meaning of the 1940 Act. In the case of any new Subadvised Series that has not yet offered its shares, and all of whose shareholders purchase shares on the basis of a prospectus containing disclosures to the effect that the relief is being sought, or has been obtained, from the Commission, only the approval of the initial ~~shareholders~~^{shareholders} will be obtained.

b. Fee Disclosure

i. Regulatory Background

Form N-1A is the registration statement used by open-end investment companies. Item 19(a)(3) of Form N-1A requires a registered investment company to disclose in its statement of additional information the method of computing the “advisory fee payable” by the investment company, including the total dollar amounts that the investment company “paid to the adviser (aggregated with amounts paid to affiliated advisers, if any), and any advisers who are not affiliated persons of the adviser, under the investment advisory contract for the last three fiscal years.”

Rule 20a-1 under the 1940 Act requires proxies solicited with respect to a registered investment company to comply with Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act. Item 22 of Schedule 14A sets forth the information that must be included in a registered investment company’s proxy statement. Item 22(c)(1)(ii) requires a proxy statement for a shareholder meeting at which action will be taken on an investment advisory agreement to describe the terms of the advisory contract, “including the rate of compensation of the investment adviser.” Item 22(c)(1)(iii) requires a description of the “aggregate amount of the investment adviser’s fees and the amount and purpose of any other material payments” by the investment company to the investment adviser,

¹⁰¹⁴ A “Multi-manager Notice” will be modeled on a Notice of Internet Availability as defined in Rule 14a-16 under the Exchange Act, and specifically will, among other things: (a) summarize the relevant information regarding the new Sub-Advisor (except as modified to permit Aggregate Fee Disclosure as defined in this Application); (b) inform shareholders that the Multi-manager Information Statement is available on a website; (c) provide the website address; (d) state the time period during which the Multi-manager Information Statement will remain available on that website; (e) provide instructions for accessing and printing the Multi-manager Information Statement; and (f) instruct the shareholder that a paper or email copy of the Multi-manager Information Statement may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Subadvised Series.

or any affiliated person of the investment adviser during the fiscal year. Item 22(c)(8) requires a description of “the terms of the contract to be acted upon and, if the action is an amendment to, or a replacement of, an investment advisory contract, the material differences between the current and proposed contract.” Finally, Item 22(c)(9) requires a proxy statement for a shareholder meeting at which a change in the advisory fee will be sought to state (i) the aggregate amount of the investment adviser’s fee during the last year; (ii) the amount that the adviser would have received had the proposed fee been in effect; and (iii) the difference between (i) and (ii) stated as a percent of the amount in (i). Together, these provisions may require a Subadvised Series to disclose the fees paid to Sub-Advisors in connection with shareholder action with respect to entering into, or materially amending, an advisory agreement or establishing, or increasing, advisory fees.

A “Multi-manager Information Statement” will meet the requirements of Regulation 14C, Schedule 14C and Item 22 of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act for an information statement, except as modified by the requested order to permit Aggregate Fee Disclosure. Multi-manager Information Statements will be filed with the Commission via the EDGAR system.

Regulation S-X sets forth the requirements for financial statements required to be included as part of a registered investment company’s registration statement and shareholder reports filed with the Commission. Sections 6-07(2)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation S-X require a registered investment company to include in its financial statement information about the investment advisory fees. These provisions could require a Subadvised Series’ financial statements to disclose information concerning fees paid to Sub-Advisors. An exemption is requested to permit the Subadvised Series to include only the Aggregate Fee Disclosure (as defined below). All other items required by Section 6-07(2)(a), (b), and (c) of Regulation S-X will be disclosed.

ii. Requested Relief

Applicants seek relief to permit each Subadvised Series to disclose (as a dollar amount and a percentage of a Subadvised Series’ net assets) (a) the aggregate fees paid to the Advisor and any Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors; (b) the aggregate fees paid to Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors; and (c) the fee paid to each ~~Affiliated~~Excluded Sub-Advisor (collectively, the “Aggregate Fee Disclosure”) in lieu of disclosing the fees that may be required by Item 19(a)(3) of Form N-1A, Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(8) and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A, and Section 6-07(2)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation S-X. The Aggregate Fee Disclosure would be presented as both a dollar amount and as a percentage of the Subadvised Series’ net assets. Applicants believe that the relief sought in this Application should be granted because the Advisor intends to operate Subadvised Series under a multi-manager structure and ~~no~~ ~~Subadvised Series~~the Advisor would be responsible for the payment of ~~advisory~~sub-advisory fees to the Sub-Advisors.¹⁵ As a result, disclosure of the individual fees that the Advisor pays to the Sub-Advisors would not serve any meaningful purpose.

¹⁵ While the Applicants currently anticipate that Sub-Advisors will be compensated by the Advisor, a future Subadvised Series also may pay advisory fees directly to a Sub-Advisor, subject to the limitations of condition 14 below.

As noted above, the Advisor may operate Subadvised Series in a manner different from a traditional investment company. By investing in a Subadvised Series, shareholders are hiring the Advisor to manage the Subadvised Series' assets by overseeing, evaluating, monitoring and recommending Sub-Advisors rather than by hiring its own employees to manage the assets directly. The Advisor, under the supervision of the Board, is responsible for overseeing the Sub-Advisors and recommending their hiring and replacement. In return, the Advisor receives an advisory fee from each Subadvised Series. ~~Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement,~~ the The Advisor will compensate the Sub-Advisors directly. Disclosure of the individual fees that the Advisor would pay to the Sub-Advisors does not serve any meaningful purpose since investors pay the Advisor to oversee, monitor, evaluate and compensate the Sub-Advisors. Applicants contend that the primary reasons for requiring disclosure of individual fees paid to Sub-Advisors are to inform shareholders of expenses to be charged by a particular Subadvised Series and to enable shareholders to compare the fees to those of other comparable investment companies. Applicants believe that the requested relief satisfies these objectives because the advisory fee paid to the Advisor will be fully disclosed and therefore, shareholders will know what the Subadvised Series' fees and expenses are and will be able to compare the advisory fees a Subadvised Series is charged to those of other investment companies.

Indeed, in a more conventional arrangement, requiring the Subadvised Series to disclose the fees negotiated between the Advisor and the Sub-Advisors would be the functional equivalent of requiring single adviser investment companies to disclose the salaries of individual portfolio managers employed by that investment adviser. In the case of a single adviser or traditional investment company, disclosure is made of the compensation paid to the investment adviser, but shareholders are not told or asked to vote on the salary paid by the investment adviser to individual portfolio managers. Similarly, in the case of the Subadvised Series, the shareholders will have chosen to employ the Advisor and to rely upon the Advisor's expertise in monitoring the Sub-Advisors, recommending the Sub-Advisors' selection and termination (if necessary), and negotiating the compensation of the Sub-Advisors. There are no policy reasons that require shareholders of the Subadvised Series to be informed of the individual Sub-Advisor's fees any more than shareholders of a traditional investment company (single investment adviser) would be informed of the particular investment adviser's portfolio managers' salaries. ⁺⁺¹⁶

The requested relief would benefit shareholders of the Subadvised Series because it would improve the Advisor's ability to negotiate the fees paid to Sub-Advisors. The Advisor's ability to negotiate with the various Sub-Advisors would be adversely affected by public disclosure of fees paid to each Sub-Advisor. If the Advisor is not required to disclose the Sub-Advisors' fees to the public, the Advisor may be able to negotiate rates that are below a Sub-

⁺⁺¹⁶ The relief would be consistent with the Commission's disclosure requirements applicable to fund portfolio managers that were previously adopted. See Investment Company Act Release No. 26533 (Aug. 23, 2004). Under these disclosure requirements, a fund is required to include in its statement of additional information, among other matters, a description of the structure of and the method used to determine the compensation structure of its "portfolio managers." Applicants state that with respect to each Subadvised Series, the statement of additional information will describe the structure and method used to determine the compensation received by each portfolio manager employed by any Sub-Advisor. In addition to this disclosure with respect to portfolio managers, Applicants state that with respect to each Subadvised Series, the statement of additional information will describe the structure of, and method used to determine, the compensation received by each Sub-Advisor.

Advisor's "posted" amounts. Moreover, if one Sub-Advisor is aware of the advisory fee paid to another Sub-Advisor, the Sub-Advisor is unlikely to decrease its advisory fee below that amount. The relief will also encourage Sub-Advisors to negotiate lower sub-advisory fees with the Advisor if the lower fees are not required to be made public.

c. Precedent

Applicants note that substantially the same exemptions requested herein with respect to relief from Section 15(a) and Rule 18f-2 for Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors and Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, as well as relief from the disclosure requirements of the rules and forms discussed herein, have been granted previously by the Commission. See, e.g., [*American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc., et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 31328 \(November 4, 2014\) \(notice\) and 31362 \(December 2, 2014\) \(order\)](#); [*Ivy Funds, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 31013 \(April 10, 2014\) \(notice\) and 31040 \(May 6, 2014\) \(order\)](#); [*Professionally Managed Portfolios and Balter Liquid Alternatives, LLC*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 31010 \(April 8, 2014\) \(notice\) and 31038 \(May 5, 2014\) \(order\)](#); [*Virtus Alternative Solutions Trust and Virtus Alternative Investment Advisers, Inc.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30986 \(March 19, 2014\) \(notice\) and 31014 \(April 15, 2014\) \(order\)](#); [*Forethought Variable Insurance Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30716 \(September 25, 2013\) \(notice\) and 30750 \(October 22, 2013\) \(order\)](#); [*Franklin Templeton International Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30679 \(August 27, 2013\) \(notice\) and 30698 \(September 24, 2013\) \(order\)](#); [*Munder Series Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30441 \(March 29, 2013\) \(notice\) and 30493 \(April 24, 2013\) \(order\)](#); [*Blackstone Alternative Investment Funds, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30416 \(March 7, 2013\) \(notice\) and 30444 \(April 2, 2013\) \(order\)](#); [*Cash Account Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Release Nos. 30151 \(July 25, 2012\) \(notice\) and 30172 \(August 20, 2012\) \(order\)](#). [Applicants also note that exemptions for multi-manager structures in which the investment adviser may retain a Sub-Advisor which provides services to the Advisor with respect to selecting, monitoring, evaluating and allocating assets among the other Sub-Advisors of a Subadvised Series have been granted previously by the Commission. See e.g. *Principal Funds, Inc., et al.*, Investment Company Release Nos. 31203 \(Aug. 11, 2014\) \(notice\) and 31244 \(Sept. 8, 2014\), *Series Trust and Orinda Asset Management, LLC*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30043 \(Apr. 23, 2012\) \(notice\) and 30065 \(May 21, 2012\) \(order\); *Pax World Funds Series Trust, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 29751 \(Aug. 10, 2011\) \(notice\) and 29783 \(Sep. 7, 2011\) \(order\).](#)

VII. CONDITIONS

Applicants agree that any order of the Commission granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions¹²¹⁷:

1. Before a Subadvised Series may rely on the order requested in the Application, the operation of the Subadvised Series in the manner described in this Application, including the hiring of Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors, will be, or has been, approved by a majority of the Subadvised Series' outstanding voting

¹²¹⁷ Applicants will only comply with conditions 7, 8, 9 and 12 if they rely on the relief that would allow them to provide Aggregate Fee Disclosure.

securities as defined in the 1940 Act, or, in the case of a new Subadvised Series whose public shareholders purchase shares on the basis of a prospectus containing the disclosure contemplated by condition 2 below, by the ~~sole~~-initial ~~shareholder~~shareholders before offering the Subadvised Series' shares to the public.

2. The prospectus for each Subadvised Series will disclose the existence, substance, and effect of any order granted pursuant to this Application. Each Subadvised Series will hold itself out to the public as employing the multi-manager structure described in this Application. Each prospectus will prominently disclose that the Advisor has the ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Board, to oversee the Sub-Advisors and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement.
3. The Advisor will provide general management services to a Subadvised Series, including overall supervisory responsibility for the general management and investment of the Subadvised Series' assets. Subject to review and approval of the Board, the Advisor will (a) set a Subadvised Series' overall investment strategies, (b) evaluate, select, and recommend Sub-Advisors to manage all or a portion of a Subadvised Series' assets, and (c) implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that Sub-Advisors comply with a Subadvised Series' investment objective, policies and restrictions. Subject to review by the Board, the Advisor will (a) when appropriate, allocate and reallocate a Subadvised Series' assets among multiple Sub-Advisors; and (b) monitor and evaluate the performance of Sub-Advisors.
4. A Subadvised Series will not make any Ineligible Sub-Advisor Changes without such agreement, including the compensation to be paid thereunder, being approved by the shareholders of the applicable Subadvised Series.
5. Subadvised Series will inform shareholders of the hiring of a new Sub-Advisor within 90 days after the hiring of the new Sub-Advisor pursuant to the Modified Notice and Access Procedures.
6. At all times, at least a majority of the Board will be Independent Board Members, and the selection and nomination of new or additional Independent Board Members will be placed within the discretion of the then-existing Independent Board Members.
7. Independent Legal Counsel, as defined in Rule 0-1(a)(6) under the 1940 Act, will be engaged to represent the Independent Board Members. The selection of such counsel will be within the discretion of the then-existing Independent Board Members.
8. The Advisor will provide the Board, no less frequently than quarterly, with information about the profitability of the Advisor on a per Subadvised Series

basis. The information will reflect the impact on profitability of the hiring or termination of any sub-adviser during the applicable quarter.

9. Whenever a Sub-Advisor is hired or terminated, the Advisor will provide the Board with information showing the expected impact on the profitability of the Advisor.
10. Whenever a ~~sub-advisor~~sub-adviser change is proposed for a Subadvised Series with an Affiliated Sub-Advisor or a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, will make a separate finding, reflected in the Board minutes, that such change is in the best interests of the Subadvised Series and its shareholders, and does not involve a conflict of interest from which the Advisor or the Affiliated Sub-Advisor or Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor derives an inappropriate advantage.
11. No Board Member or officer of a Subadvised Series, or partner, director, manager, or officer of the Advisor, will own directly or indirectly (other than through a pooled investment vehicle that is not controlled by such person), any interest in a Sub-Advisor, except for (i) ownership of interests in the Advisor or any entity, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Advisor; or (ii) ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding securities of any class of equity or debt of a publicly-traded company that is either a Sub-Advisor or an entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a Sub-Advisor.
12. Each Subadvised Series will disclose the Aggregate Fee Disclosure in its registration statement.
13. In the event the Commission adopts a rule under the 1940 Act providing substantially similar relief to that requested in the Application, the requested order will expire on the effective date of that rule.
14. Any new Sub-Advisory Agreement or any amendment to a Subadvised Series' existing Investment Management Agreement or Sub-Advisory Agreement that directly or indirectly results in an increase in the aggregate advisory fee rate payable by the Subadvised Series will be submitted to the Subadvised Series' shareholders for approval.

VIII. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

All of the requirements for execution and filing of this Application on behalf of the Applicants have been complied with in accordance with the applicable organizational documents of the Applicants, and the undersigned officers of the Applicants are fully authorized to execute this Application. The authorizations of the Applicants, including the resolutions of the Applicants authorizing the filing of this Application, required by Rule 0-2(c) under the 1940 Act are included as Exhibits A-1 through A-2 to this Application. The verifications required by Rule 0-2(d) under the 1940 Act are included as Exhibits B-1 through B-2 to this Application.

Pursuant to Rule 0-2(f) under the 1940 Act, Applicants state that their address is ~~4500 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111~~ 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 and that all written communications regarding this Application should be directed to the individuals and addresses indicated on the first page of this Application.

Applicants desire that the Commission issue the requested order pursuant to Rule 0-5 under the 1940 Act without conducting a hearing.

IX. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue an order under Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act granting the relief requested in the Application. Applicants submit that the requested exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, consistent with the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act.

[Signature Page Follows]

The Applicants have caused this Application to be duly signed on their behalf on the ~~8th~~11th day of ~~July~~February, ~~2014~~2015.

~~AMERICAN CENTURY CAPITAL PORTFOLIOS, INC.~~

NUVEEN INVESTMENT TRUST

By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~

Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: Vice President

NUVEEN FUND ADVISORS, LLC

~~AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC.~~

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By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~ Kathleen L.
Prudhomme

Title: ~~Vice President~~ Managing Director

EXHIBITS TO APPLICATION

The following materials are made a part of the Application and are attached hereto:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Document</u>
Exhibits A-1 through A-2	Authorizations
Exhibits B-1 through B-2	Verifications

AUTHORIZATION

~~The undersigned, being duly elected Secretary of American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc. (the “Issuer”), DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of the Issuer at a meeting duly held on June 18, 2014 and that such resolutions have not been revoked, modified, rescinded or amended and are in full force and effect:~~

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected Vice President of Nuveen Investment Trust (the “Trust”); that, with respect to the attached application by the Trust and Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC for exemption from the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the rules and forms thereunder and any amendments thereto (such application along with any amendments, the “Application”), all actions necessary to authorize the execution and filing of the Application have been taken by the Trust and the person signing and filing the Application on behalf of the Trust is fully authorized to do so; and that the Board of the Trust adopted the following resolutions on December 17, 2014:

~~RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Issuer~~Nuveen Investment Funds, Inc., Nuveen Investment Trust, Nuveen Investment Trust II, Nuveen Investment Trust III, Nuveen Investment Trust V, Nuveen Managed Accounts Portfolios Trust, Nuveen Multistate Trust I, Nuveen Multistate Trust II, Nuveen Multistate Trust III, Nuveen Multistate Trust IV, Nuveen Municipal Trust and Nuveen Strategy Funds, Inc. (each, a “Trust”) hereby authorizes and directs the officers of ~~the Issuer to complete, execute~~such Trust to prepare and file, ~~in the name and on behalf of the Issuer, an application~~with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) an application for exemptive relief (the “Application”), and any and all exhibits and documents relating amendments thereto, ~~with such changes, additions, deletions and amendments as the officers of the Issuer executing such application may deem appropriate, that would exempt the Issuer from (i) requesting an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), for exemptions from Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 18f-2 under thereunder, and from certain disclosure requirements of the 1940 Act and other provisions under the federal securities laws to the extent necessary to allow the Issuer's investment advisor, subject to approval from the Board, applicable rules and regulations thereunder, to allow one or more series of each Trust that intends to utilize a manager of managers structure (each, a “Fund”) to enter into and materially amend subadvisory investment sub-advisory agreements with any type of investment adviser, (as defined in Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act) whether affiliated with the Issuer's investment adviser or not, without shareholder approval and (ii) certain one or more sub-advisers, which shall be subject to review and approval by the Board, but not the shareholders of the affected Fund, and to make “aggregate fee disclosure requirements,” as may be permitted by the Commission; and~~

~~FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the Issuer~~each Trust are hereby authorized and empowered to take such further actions, to execute ~~and deliver any and all such other documents, contracts or instruments in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, and do or cause to be done any and all~~to pay such expenses and to do such other acts and things ~~that they as such officers, or any of them, may in their discretion, deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement fully and promptly the purposes and~~advisable to effectuate the intent of

the foregoing resolution, any such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such documents or the taking of such action by such officers.

~~IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name on the 8th day of July, 2014.~~

By: /s/ ~~Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: ~~Secretary~~ Vice President

AUTHORIZATION

~~The undersigned, being duly elected Secretary of American Century Investment Management, Inc. (“ACIM”), DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of ACIM via unanimous written consent dated June 30, 2014 and that such resolutions have not been revoked, modified, rescinded or amended and are in full force and effect:~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of ACIM hereby approves, authorizes and empowers the appropriate officers of ACIM to complete, execute and file, in the name and on behalf of ACIM, an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any and all exhibits and documents relating thereto, with such changes, additions, deletions and amendments as the officer or officers executing such application may deem necessary or appropriate, that would permit ACIM to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements with any type of investment adviser, (as defined in Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act) whether affiliated with the ACIM or not, without shareholder approval, and would exempt existing and future mutual funds advised by ACIM from certain disclosure requirements.~~

~~FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of ACIM be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered, for and on behalf of ACIM, to execute and deliver any and all documents, contracts or instruments in the name of and on behalf of ACIM, and do or cause to be done any and all such other acts and things that they, or any of them, may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement fully and promptly the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolution.~~

~~IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder subscribed my name to this Certificate as of this 8th day of July, 2014.~~

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the Managing Director of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (the “Company”); that, with respect to the attached application for exemption from the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, rules and forms thereunder and any amendments thereto (such application along with any amendments, the “Application”), all actions necessary to authorize the execution and filing of the Application under the operating agreement of the Company have been taken and the person signing and filing the Application on behalf of the Company is fully authorized to do so.

By: ~~/s/ Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~Ward D. Stauffer~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: ~~Secretary~~ Managing Director

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VERIFICATION

The undersigned, states that ~~he~~she has duly executed ~~the attached application,~~this Application for an Exemptive Order dated ~~July 8~~February 11, 2014~~2015~~, for and on behalf of ~~American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc.;~~Nuveen Investment Trust (the "Trust"), that ~~he~~she is the Vice President of ~~such company~~the Trust; and that all action by ~~stockholders, directors, trustees~~ and other ~~bodies~~persons necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that ~~he~~she is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of ~~his~~her knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~Kathleen L. Prudhomme
 Title: Vice President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, states that ~~heshe~~ has duly executed ~~the attached application, dated July 8, 2014, this~~ Application for an Exemptive Order dated February 11, 2015 for and on behalf of ~~American Century Investment Management, Inc.;~~ Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (the "Company"), that ~~heshe~~ is the ~~Vice President of such~~ Managing Director of the company; and that all action by ~~stockholders, directors, managers~~ and other ~~bodies~~ persons necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that ~~heshe~~ is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of ~~his~~ her knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ ~~David H. Reinmiller~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Name: ~~David H. Reinmiller~~ Kathleen L. Prudhomme

Title: Managing Director

